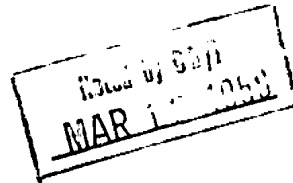


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Enclosed is the new Intelligence Community's "Estimate of the World Situation" dated February 26, 1958.

The Planning Board, which has been studying this remarkably informative and significant paper for several weeks, thinks it a very superior piece of work. So do the gentlemen whom I invited in to consult with the Planning Board yesterday (Gruenther, Bowie, Burns, and Bendtsen).

Out of the Planning Board's consideration of this paper we expect to develop significant points for discussion before the National Security Council at the March 20th Meeting. Allen will also make a short preliminary introduction covering the points in this "Estimate" which are significantly different from last year's "Estimate," and other matters deemed by him appropriate.

I hope you will have time to look through the entire "Estimate." My reading time has been about fifty-five minutes. Significant portions are certainly the sections covered in Pages 1 through 5 and in Pages 13 through 15. I have checked these pages in red in the Table of Contents.

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 Robert Cutler
 Special Assistant

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cc: Honorable Allen W. Dulles ✓
 Director of Central Intelligence

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